

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 12 and 13 have been amended, and claims 1-9 and 14-20 have been canceled. **Claims 10-13 and 21-36 are pending and under consideration.**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for initiating a discussion about the application in a telephone conference to resolve issues with the amended and canceled claims to place the application in condition for allowance.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 10-20 UNDER 35 USC 103 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER CULLEN ET AL. (US PAT. NO. 5,732,230, "CULLEN") IN VIEW OF SETO ET AL. (US PAT. NO. 5,627,651, "SETO").

The claims have been amended taking the Examiner's comments into consideration. Additionally, claims 1-9 and 14-20 have been canceled and are no longer at issue in the present application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the claims places the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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